



## THE ARMY FAMILY COVENANT: WHAT IT MEANS TO SINGLE PARENTS

**QUALITY CHILD, YOUTH AND SCHOOL (CYS) SERVICES PROGRAMS** CYS facilities are annually certified by the Department of Defense as to health and safety requirements and more than 95% of our Child Development Centers (CDC) and School Age Programs have been nationally accredited by external professional organizations which require compliance to exacting program standards.

**FEE REDUCTIONS** Army Family Covenant (AFC) funding has allowed for the elimination of the standard garrison registration fee for our child and youth programs. It has also allowed garrisons to reduce patron fees for using various programs.

**IMPROVED MEDICAL CARE** AFC initiatives increased primary care visits by more than 700,000 in FY07 and 94% patient appointments met access standards in FY07.

**ARMY ONE SOURCE** The ArmyOneSource website was created to establish a unified approach to providing support to the geographically dispersed. It provides baseline services ranging from Information Referral and Follow-up, employer support for the Guard and Reserve, child care and legal assistance to Wounded Warrior/survivor programs. It also standardizes program training for all component staff, Soldiers and Family members.

**MITIGATE EFFECTS OF GEOGRAPHIC ISOLATION** The AFC leverage community-based resources through nine Community Based Healthcare Organizations increasing the partnership with the VA for an improved seamless transition for separating Soldiers and implemented enhancements to the TRICARE Reserve Select Program, authorizing TRICARE Standard coverage for over 500,000 eligible members of the Selected Reserve and their Family members

**EASE IN FINDING OFF-POST HOUSING DURING TRANSITION AND/OR SEPARATION PERIODS** The Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN) ([www.ahrn.com](http://www.ahrn.com)) is an intensified collaboration with other housing relocation entities and installation housing offices that is sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD). Army Housing OneStop (AHOS) is dedicated to providing local and community information for each installation in the Army.